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SUBJ: GE- SNECMA LICENSE DECISION

REF: STATE 113959, PARIS 17288

1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM FRENCH EMBASSY AND SNECMA SOURCES HERE THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY FOREIGN MINISTRY IS QTE HAVING DIFFICULTY UNQTE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING RELATING TO AIRCRAFT TANKS IN OUR NOTE OF JUNE 12 ON THE GE- SNECMA LICENSING ARRANGEMENT. THIS WOULD BE AN UNDERTAKING BY THE FRENCH THAT THEY WOULD NOT IMPOSE THE SUSPENDED TARIFF ON AIRCRAFT AND COMPONENTS ON U. S. IMPORTS INTO EC DURING THE LIFE OF THE LICENSE.

2. SNECMA OFFICIALS HAD PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT SUCH AN UNDERTAKING SHOULD NOT CAUSE ANY DIFFICULTY FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. NOW IT APPEARS THAT TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY HAS PROBLEMS, APPARENTLY STEMMING (A) FROM PRIME MINISTER
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MESSMER' S JUNE 2 SPEECH AT LE BOURGET; AND (B) FROM A
CAMPAIGN BY ROLLS- ROYCE TO REOPEN THE QUESTION OF COLLABO-
RATION WITH SNECMA.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS BY EMBASSY PARIS ON
THIS MATTER AND WHAT THE BASIS OF THE PROBLEM MIGHT BE.

4. LICENSE FOR GE- SNECMA COOPERATION WILL NOT BE ISSUED
UNTIL SATISFACTORY REPLY RECEIVED FROM FRENCH TO OUR NOTE
OF JUNE 12. IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUGGESTION MADE PARA 5,
PARIS 17288, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE
SINCE THE ARRANGEMENT RELATES TO PRIVATE AND PROPRIETARY
INFORMATION. SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE
BY THE PARTIES THEMSELVES, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND
UNOFFICIALLY THAT GE HAS SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN PREPARA-
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